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APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to question No. 721 asked by Rao Sahib V. Dharmalingam Pillai at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 28th February 1934, page 413 supra.]

Copy of letter from the Collector of Chingleput and Madras, dated 29th November 1933, *L. No.* 8262.

[Abkari shops—Reopening of toddy shop No. 269, Velliyur and location of certain other shops in Saidapet taluk—Legislative Council question.]

At a special meeting of the Excise Advisory Committee, Tiruvallur, held on 28th January 1929, the Committee resolved to close toddy shop No. 269, Velliyur, from 1st October 1929. This proposal was accepted and the shop remained closed for 1929–30, 1930–31, 1931–32 and 1932–33 leases.

2. At the beginning of the current lease the Excise officers reported that toddy shop No. 281, Tirukkananjeri, was in close proximity being within 2 miles of toddy shop, Monnavedu, and toddy shop, Vishnuvakkam, and more than 7 miles from toddy shop, Komangambedu, and therefore proposed the closure of toddy shop No. 281, Tirukkananjeri, and the reopening of toddy shop No. 269, Velliyur, for 1933–34 lease. The Tahsildar and the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tiruvallur, also supported this proposal as by the proposed transfer of the toddy shop from Tirukkananjeri to Velliyur, the distances from the adjoining Monnavedu, Vishnuvakkam and Pakkam shops would become 3, 3½ and 5½ miles and thus the shops would be fairly well distributed. This proposal was recommended by the Collector as it gave the shop a more central location. It was approved by the Excise Commissioner.

3. The Secretary of the Madras Depressed Classes Federation objected to the reopening of toddy shop No. 269, Velliyur. This objection was considered by the Excise Advisory Committee, Tiruvallur, at its meeting held on 14th June 1933, who overruled the objection and approved the reopening of toddy shop No. 281, Tirukkananjeri. An extract from the Committee's proceedings is as follows:—

" Extract from the Proceedings of the Excise Advisory Committee (Final), Tiruvallur, dated 14th June 1933.

Resolution 7 (*b*).—Read representation of the Assistant Secretary, Madras Provincial Depressed Classes Federation, that no shop should be opened at Velliyur, and that if one should be opened there, the shop at Vishnuvakkam should be closed. In the circumstances explained by the Inspector of Excise it is resolved that the original proposal to open a shop at Velliyur be continued."

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4. Except toddy shop No. 197, Villivakkam, the other shops, viz., 173, 184, 185, 188 and 189 are within 5 square miles area.

5. A representation was made to the Excise Advisory Committee, Saidapet, by the Assistant Secretary to the Madras Provincial Depressed Classes Federation for the closure of toddy shops No. 185, Virugambakkam, and No. 189, Koyambedu. It was received by the Secretary of the Excise Advisory Committee on 10th June 1933 and was placed before the Committee on 12th June 1933 which was its final sitting for deciding the number and location of toddy shop for the current lease. The Committee adopted the following resolution:—

> "The petition having been received late, no action can be taken on the petition to close toddy shops No. 189, Koyambedu, and No. 185, Virugambakkam. The Assistant Secretary will be told to renew the application in time for consideration for the next lease."